SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Have they submitted any prerequisites?

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : We are having consultations with different Ministry .....

SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Sir, it has been published in yesterday's Hindu that certain prerequisites have been submitted by the Environment and Forest Ministry. This may, kindly, be taken note of.

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : Yes, I will.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Studies on linking of rivers

*550. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleaded to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a former Water Resources Minister, Shri K. L. Rao had got the proposal of linking of Ganga River with Southern rivers examined;

(b) if so, the details and conclusions of study undertaken at that time; and

(c) the reasons for abandoning that scheme at that time?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) The then Central Water and Power Commission prepared a note on the National Water Grid in 1972 and suggested three possible alignments for the Ganga-Cauvery links. Dr. K. L. Rao further studied the note of the Central Water and Power Commission and advocated one of the alignments for the Ganga-Cauvery link along with a few other links including the Ganga-Brahmaputra link.

(b) The Ganga-Cauvery link essentially envisaged withdrawal of 1680 cumec of the flood flows of the Ganga near Patna for about 150 days in a year and pumping about 1400 cumec of this water over a head of 549 metres for transfer to the Peninsular region and utilising the remaining 280 cumec in Ganga basin itself. The proposal envisaged utilisation of 2.59 Million hectare metre of Ganga water to bring under irrigation an additional area of 4 Million hectare.

(c) The Ganga-Cauvery link as proposed by Dr. K. L. Rao was examined by Central Water Commission and found to be grossly under estimated. Besides

the proposal was also devoid of flood control benefit and required large block of power for lifting water. The proposal was, therefore, given up.

Inspection of companies

*551. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI :
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of companies inspected by Government under section 209(a) of the Companies Act, 1956, during the last two years;

(b) how many companies were actually booked for violations mismanagement, delay in payment of dividend, non payment of deposits during that period; and

(c) whether prosecution has been launched against all such companies and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) 394 companies have been inspected in the last two financial years, ending on 31-3-2003.

(b) The details are as under:

	Violations	Mismanagement	Delay in payment of dividend	Non-payment of deposits.
Number of cases	In almost all Cases of Inspection	12	6	34

(c) Prosecutions have been ordered for the violations established.

Restructuring of UTI schemes

*552. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Unit Trust of India propose to restructure its 47 schemes through intra-scheme merger ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and